Manslaughter

$10,000 Bail For Father

CAMPBELL RIVER—Bail of $10,000 was set here yesterday for George Matthew Callow, unemployed logger charged with manslaughter in the head injury death of his 20-month-old daughter, Georgina.

The 28-year-old father, who was arrested after the child died Tuesday in hospital where it had been taken by a doctor called to the Callow home, appeared briefly in court and was remanded without plea to March 12.

He was due to be taken to Oakalla Prison Farm by RCMP, today.

The preliminary hearing on the manslaughter charge before Magistrate Roderick Haig-Brown is not scheduled to open here until March 20, the date requested yesterday on behalf of the crown prosecutor.

RCMP said the father would appear March 12 in police court at Burnaby if he was still in custody at Oakalla Prison Farm.

A further remand to March 20 is expected then.

Three other children of the family are being cared for in a foster home. The father had been caring for all four children, all girls, since he and his wife, Marjorie, separated last December.

No inquest will be held into the circumstances of the child's death. A post-mortem examination held in Victoria showed the infant died of head and brain injuries.

Four Boys To Be Held In Nanaimo

NANAIMO—Four boys who smashed the door in the security cells at Brannan Lake Boys' School were ordered held in the Nanaimo RCMP jail until repairs are completed at the school.

"This is another excellent example of why they should have a self-contained security wing at Brannan Lake School," said Judge Lionel Beevor-Potts when the quartet appeared before him in juvenile court.

Police said the boys smashed the door and gained freedom into the main hallway before being caught. Temporary security measures were insufficient to hold them and they were ordered placed in RCMP cells pending trials set for today on other offences.

Welfare Minister Complains

Jammed Brannan Real 'Catch-All'

It is the tendency of magistrates to sentence boys to Brannan Lake School regardless of whether they can be best treated there, Health and Welfare Minister Eric Martin complained to the legislature yesterday.

Both the boys and girls industrial school are catch-alls for any kind of juvenile delinquent, he said. 'Some of those boys just can't be rehabilitated in a school like that. They need a different kind of treatment.

"We are cursed with overcrowding. It is mighty difficult to carry on a worthwhile rehabilitation program in an overcrowded industrial school," he said. Many have to be discharged before there is time to give them proper training."

He explained the department of welfare has no control over admissions to the school.

He said the old girls industrial school was 'a real Oliver Twist type of school . . . it was frightful . . . "and proudly announced the new girls' industrial school in Burnaby will be officially opened March 26.

He said he was proud of the work being done at both the boys' and girls' industrial schools.

Mr. Martin answered criticisms of a large number of escapes at Brannan Lake.

"Most of the walkout at Brannan Lake are of a couple of hours duration and many come back voluntarily," he said. "But, in every case a boy is missing it is reported to RCMP and recorded as a full-fledged walkout."

Victoria Public Library

Join or Pay More Local Areas Told

If one or two municipalities don't want to commit themselves to full partnership in the Victoria Public Library, they should be obliged to pay higher rates for service, city council finance committee held yesterday.

Declaring himself "sick and tired" of the long delay in reaching a new library agreement with the adjoining municipalities, Ald. Arthur Dowell said that if other municipalities didn't want to come in they should stay out and "let's run our own show."

Discussion arose from a library board proposal that a new agreement should be drafted permitting individual municipalities, as they saw fit, to make long-term commitments to share in capital and operating costs and thus obtain voting power in library control, or to pay for services as at present and have no votes.

Finance committee tabled the matter pending discussion by the Greater Victoria intermunicipal committee, but Mayor Percy Scurrah and Ald. Austin Curtis both said municipalities staying out of the long-term agreement, and able to withdraw on a year's notice, should have to pay higher rates.

Speed, Inexperience Blamed

Excessive speed and limited driving experience were singled out by a coroner's jury at Courtenay last night as reasons for this crackup on Cumberland Road Monday in which 16-year-old Frank Reid was fatally injured.—(Photo by W. G. Lamb.)

Power Resources End in Sight

Man's ingenuity almost certainly will surmount the challenge of the world's non-renewable power resources being used up, H. Lee Briggs said yesterday.

Mr. Briggs spoke on energy to the Rotary Club, and his talk had nothing to do with the controversies he started over power development and financing in B.C. when he was general manager of the B.C. Power Commission.

It could be, he said, "that we are approaching the end of an era of the prodigal use of energy, which must almost certainly give way to another era in the productioin of usable energy, and in the means employed by mankind to utilize it."

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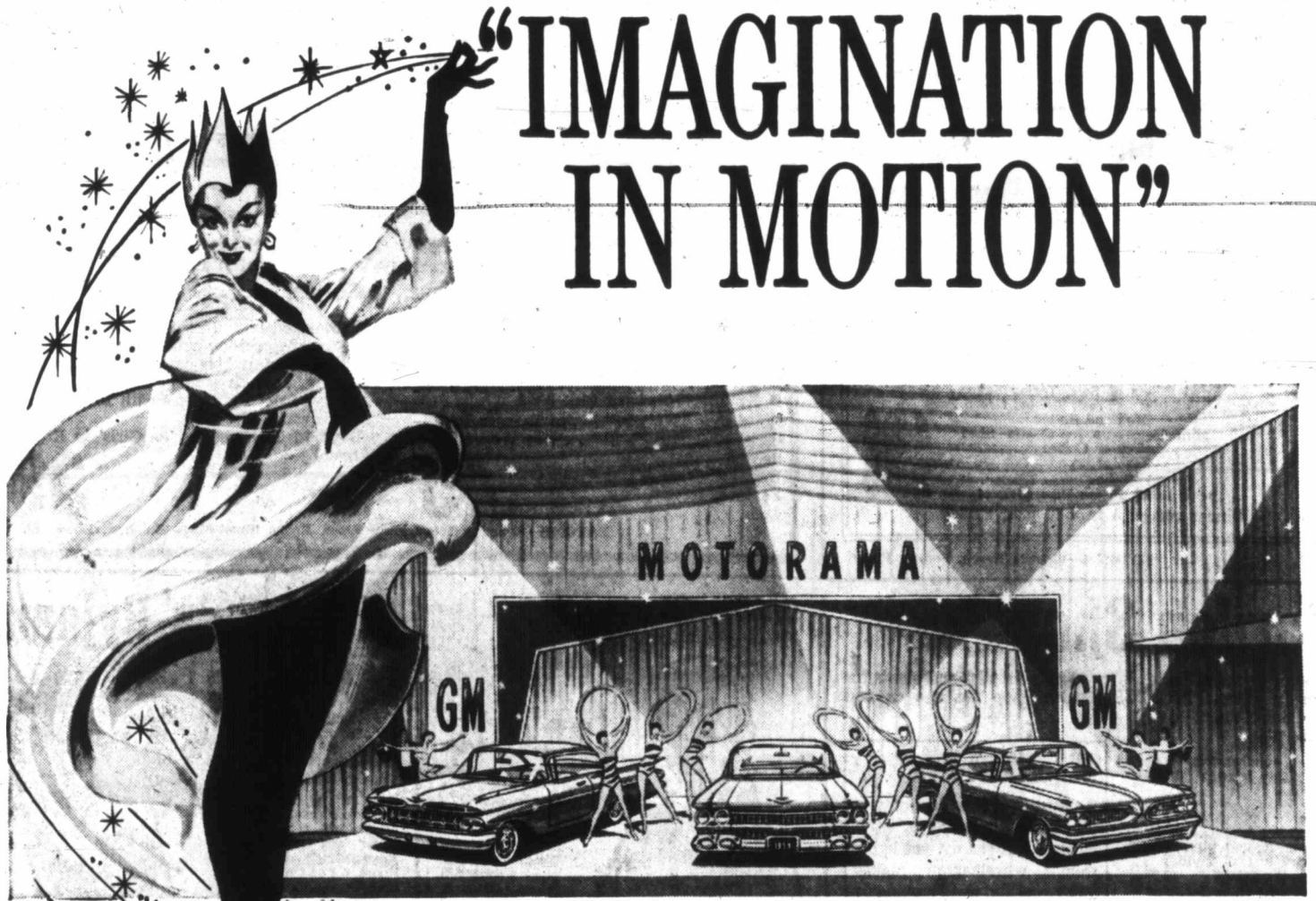

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